

Fox, Susan

From: Edwin R. Jonas III [erj@blacktailmountainranch.com]
Sent: Sunday, November 21, 2010 10:11 PM
To: Fox, Susan
Subject: Re: Questions for candidates for Commissioner of Political Practices (COPP)

Dear Mrs. Fox;

I have attached a resume to my email application and would appreciate it if you would confirm your receipt of it.

I respond to the questions posed to me in your email of November 20th.

1. I am familiar with both the Restrictions set forth in MCA 13:37-108 and the criminal sanctions under MCA 45-7-401.
2. As you may gather from reading my resume, I actively practiced law for over 30 years, wrote hundreds of trial briefs, dozens of appellate briefs, including the United States Court of Appeals for both the 3rd Circuit and 9th Circuit and various other contracts, agreements and Memorandums.
3. I have never been a party to a complaint filed with the COPP.
4. I have had no involvement current or past with a campaign of a candidate or a ballot initiative.
5. I am a registered voter but have not been affiliated with a political party or political action committee.
6. I opine that due to inflation in advertising, media, print, and other campaign costs, I believe the campaign contribution limits should be tied to the cost of living or consumer price index and adjusted periodically to permit candidates the ability to fairly meet their campaign expenses. The contribution limits should be reviewed at least every five years.
7. Neither I, nor any family member, has ever been involved in the legislative process in any capacity including a lobbyist.
8. I opine that a lobbyist represents theoretically a voting member of the public, but the lobbyist should represent Montana voters and not organizations from foreign states who are attempting to influence Montana legislation. The lobbyist should also be registered with the Secretary of State, with full disclosure of his principals and bound by a corresponding Code of Ethics for Registered Lobbyist which could be reciprocal to the duties of Public Officials set forth in MCA 2-2-104 (1) &(2) and MCA 2-2-111 and infractions of this code could serve as a criminal act under MCA 45-7-101(1) punishable under title 45. This would encourage not only the legislator from departing from his oath of office, but dissuade the lobbyist from attempting to improperly influence the legislator.

I trust the above shall satisfactorily answer your questions. Thank you for offering me the opportunity to respond.

Sincerely

Edwin Jonas

From: Fox, Susan
Sent: Saturday, November 20, 2010 11:56 AM
To: Fox, Susan
Subject: Questions for candidates for Commissioner of Political Practices (COPP)

Thank you for your letter of interest for the position of Commissioner of Political Practices. The selection committee would like you to respond to the following questions by December 3. If you have not sent in a resume, please send one also. The selection committee will meet sometime the week of December 6. I will get that information to you as soon as I can. Thanks for your interest, Susan

1. Are you familiar with restrictions Montana law imposes upon the activities of an individual holding the office of COPP?
2. What is your legal writing experience?
3. Have you ever been party to a complaint filed with the COPP?
4. What is your current or past involvement with either the campaign of a candidate or a ballot initiative?
5. Have you been affiliated with a political party or political action committee? If yes, how will this affiliation affect your ability to render impartial decisions on complaints filed against candidates, PACs, and ballot initiatives?
6. What is your opinion of the current candidate contribution limits?
7. Have you or a family member been involved in the legislative process as a lobbyist?
8. In your opinion, do further regulations or restrictions need to be placed on lobbyists' activities?

Susan Byorth Fox

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Fox, Susan

From: Edwin R. Jonas III [erj@blacktailmountainranch.com]
Sent: Thursday, November 18, 2010 10:29 AM
To: Fox, Susan
Subject: Political Practices Post
Attachments: EDSRESUME 11-26-07.doc

Dear Mr. or Mrs. Fox

I am attaching my resume hereto in application for the Commissioner of Political Practices Post. As you can see I practiced law for over 30 years, was a Prosecutor in the early eighties and have many other credentials more particularly set forth on the resume.

I would very much appreciate an opportunity to speak to the staff member in charge about the details of the position should by qualifications interest you.

Thank you for attending to this application.

Sincerely
Edwin R. Jonas III

EDWIN RITTER JONAS III

PERSONAL:

BORN: Cincinnati, Ohio:

MARITAL STATUS: Divorced

CHILDREN: Edwin R. IV, Peter B., & Zachary A.

HOME ADDRESS: 41004 Big Lodge Lane, P.O. Box 51, Rollins , Montana,
59931.

HOME TELEPHONE: 406-844-0404 Mt. Fax # 406-844-0405

E-MAIL ADDRESS: erj@blacktailmountainranch.com

EDUCATION:

1974-1975 Attended New York University School of Law, Master of Law in
Taxation program

1974 JURIS DOCTOR- Rutgers School Of Law, Camden, New Jersey

1971 BACHELOR OF ARTS- Rutgers University, Major in
Accounting /Finance

P.C. PROFICIENCY: MS. Word Office 97, Excel 97, Windows 98, Windows
Millenium, Office XP ,Powerpoint, Wordperfect, Westlaw, Nexis/Lexis, Internet
and E-Mail proficient, Accounting Software: Peachtree, QuickBooks and
QuickBooks Pro

Languages: English and Spanish

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE:

1974 Supreme Court of Pennsylvania (Retired 2006)

1975 Supreme Court of New Jersey (Retired 2006)

1975 U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania (Retired
2006)

1975 U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey (Retired 2006)

1976 U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit (Retired 2006)

1979 U.S. Supreme Court

1987 Supreme Judicial Court for the State of Maine (Retired 1990)

1991 Supreme Court of Florida (Retired 2007)

BOARD CERTIFICATION:

1988- Certified by the Supreme Court of New Jersey as a Certified Civil

Trial Attorney

1995-Recertified by the Supreme Court of New Jersey as a Certified Civil
Trial Attorney

CORPORATE EXPERIENCE:

1. DATATEL, INC. & DATATEL INTERNATIONAL SALES CORP.

Secretary /Corporate Counsel, Member of Board of Directors

1979 to 1986 Computer/Telecom High Technology Industry Duties responsible for the legal and practical organizational creation and setup, contract preparation and administration for the corporation including real estate issues relating to the operating facilities sites, employment, International sales corporation service and distributorship agreements, O. E. Manufacturing license rights and international distributorship agreements, stock offerings, incentive stock option plans, employment contracts and labor issues, venture capital development agreements and negotiation.

2. I.S. Parts & I.S. Parts International Sales Corp.

Secretary/ Corporate Counsel, Member of the Board of Directors . 1979 to 1985 Glass Machine Parts Manufacturing Industry

Duties responsible for the legal and practical organizational creation and setup, contract preparation and administration for real estate, employment, zoning law and issues, agreements, manufacturing license and distributorship agreements, stock option plans, employment contracts and labor issues, venture capital development agreements and negotiations for acquisition.

3. United Jersey Bank South N. A. Former Member of Advisory Board of Directors

EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE:

May, 1996 to November 1998, President and C.E.O. of Island Express Group International a B.V.I. International Business Corporation, Island Express Co. Ltd. a Cayman Islands Ordinary operating Corporation and Caribbean Island Express Co. Ltd. A Florida service corporation,

Duties: Engineered independently the Business Systems design of the new International Courier franchise business, which links with the U.S. Postal Service world wide and was entirely responsible for the legal and practical organizational creation, negotiation and setup, contract and administration for real estate, employment, inter-affiliate service, franchise, international banking and financial service arrangements and agreements, compliance with all U.S. Laws relating to global financial services (Drug Enforcement, U.S. Customs and Anti-Money Laundering and Foreign Corrupt Practices Act) and other U.S and foreign governmental agency regulatory compliance including Securities Laws and agreements , acquisition of capital development funds including venture capital; Private Placement Stock offerings, Regulation A Offerings, development of

franchise agreements and marketing, directly responsible for compliance with labor regulations for staffing of all offices of the organization both in the U.S.A. and Grand Cayman, wrote and developed the Business Plan and collaborated with staff for creation of financial projections for operations in ten countries and the sales and marketing material and price lists. This Group consisted of three corporations with staff in Miami, Florida, Boca Raton, Florida and George Town, Grand Cayman. Developed in conjunction with Software manufacturer unique proprietary modifications to software for company wide computer systems linking operations and finance departments with executive level management

February 2003 to present :Developer and Managing Member Blacktail Mountain Ranch Co. LLC.- Niche Beef Cattle Production, Marketing and Sales HighMont Beef

June 2001 to 2007 Part time law practice Florida Only

July 1998 to 2001 Sole Proprietor Law Practice Florida Only

1996 to 1998 President of Island Express Group International, Ltd. & Caribbean Island Express Co. Ltd.

1994 to 1995 Jonas and Crisonino -Managing Partner

1987 to 1994 Sole Practitioner

1985 to 1987 Healey, Jonas, Mueller and Tyler -Managing Partner

1983 to 1985 Sole Practitioner

1982 to 1983 Natal and Jonas (Samuel Natal appointed to Judiciary in 1983 Managing Partner

1977 to 1982 Sole Practitioner

1976 to 1977 Montgomery , McCracken, Walker & Rhodes

Philadelphia (Reiners and Davis , in Camden New Jersey office)

1975 to 1976 Zink, Owens & Shinehouse, Philadelphia, Pa.

Law firm dissolved in March 1976

1974 to 1975 Laventhol and Horwath, C.P.A.'s Tax Law Department

OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCE:

Bank Counsel to : Midlantic Bank South N.A., Installment & Commercial Loans

Heritage Bank N.A., Installment and Commercial Loans

United Jersey Bank South, N.A., Commercial, Construction and Mortgage Loans

Chemical Bank formerly Bank of New Jersey Commercial and construction mortgage loans

First Peoples Bank Installment and Commercial loans

Former Counsel to : Johnson Controls Management Systems, Inc. (successor to Pan Am World Services) Manager of the Atlantic City International Airport and Bader Field, Atlantic County New Jersey . Contract preparation and administration for Airlines, Terminal Services and Airport usage agreements, etc., Litigation and General legal matters.

Former Aviation Claims Defense Attorney: Avemco Insurance Company and A.I.G.
Air crash claims litigation

Counsel to: Medical Inter-Insurance Exchange of New Jersey from 1981 to 1991
Medical Malpractice Litigation Defense

Former Arbitrator for Superior Court of New Jersey, Commercial Claims

Prosecutor, Borough of Haddonfield from 1981 to 1985

Member, Haddonfield Zoning Board of Adjustment from 1979 to 1981

Solicitor, Camden County Alternative School from 1981 to 1995

Solicitor, Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, South Jersey Chapter 1976 to 1985

Solicitor, Haddonfield Senior Citizens Housing Corp. 1980 to 1982

Legal Counsel, Aircraft Owner and Pilot Assn. Legal Services Plan

Expert Witness, Legal Malpractice Claims from 1991 to 1995, majority for
Insurance Carrier for Defense

ACADEMIC POSITIONS:

Gloucester County College 1976 Business Law Instructor

St. Thomas University Law School, Miami, Florida, Adjunct Professor of Law, in
Securities Regulations. January, 2001 to May 2001

ACADEMIC REFERENCES:

1. Dean Daniel Morrissey, Gonzaga School of Law, Spokane Washington 509-323-3693
2. Assistant Dean Jay Silver, St. Thomas School of Law, 16400 N.W. 32nd Ave.
Miami, Florida, 33054 305-623-2318

MILITARY SERVICE:

U.S. AIR FORCE 1968

INTELLIGENCE SPECIALIST-3/68 TO 7/68

U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY PREPARATORY SCHOOL 7/68 TO 11/68

AMERICAN SPIRIT HONOR MEDAL AWARDED APRIL 17, 1968

HONORABLE DISCHARGE 1968

USAF AUX. CIVIL AIR PATROL, CAPTAIN- OCTOBER 1994 TO 1995 PILOT

FEDERAL PILOT LICENSES AND RATINGS:

Commercial Pilot Certificate ; Airplane Single and Multiengine Land, Instrument
Airplane